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POPULATION CONCENTRATIONS IN THE SOVIET UNION

A total of 299 cities in the Soviet Union have 50,000 or more inhabitants each. An estimated 69,189,000 persons, or 33 percent of the total population of the Soviet Union (208.8 million), live in and around these cities\* -- that is, within a 10-mile radius of their centers. The regional pattern of these population concentrations is shown on Map No. \_\_\_\_,\*\* following page \_\_\_\_, which shows the distribution of urban centers in the Soviet Union.

The densest urban concentration is in Moskovskaya Oblast', where an estimated 77 percent of the total population lives in and around cities. This oblast' also contains more cities than any other second-order administrative division (Oblast', Kray, ASSR) in the Soviet Union. The oblast' that ranks second is in the Ukrainskaya SSR -- Stalinskaya Oblast', which covers the central and western portions of the highly industrialized Donets Basin. Here 76 percent of the inhabitants live in and around cities. Eight other political divisions now have 50 percent or more of the total population concentrated in and around cities -- Kemerovskaya Oblast' with 61 percent, Chelyabinskaya Oblast' with 54 percent, Tashkent'skaya Oblast' with 53 percent, Dnepropetrovskaya Oblast' and Kuybyshevskaya Oblast' each have 52 percent, Alma-Atinskaya Oblast' and Karagandinskaya Oblast' have 51 percent, and

\*For purposes of this study the word "city" means an urban center of 50,000 or more inhabitants.

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finally, Adzharskaya ASSR has 50 percent. In other second-order divisions the percentages of urban population range from 49 percent to zero; several divisions have no urban centers as large as 50,000 inhabitants.

The Census of Population of 1959 gives a basis for comparison of ethnic composition of each of the Union Republics with the data given in the Census of Population of 1939 as shown by the following table.

Ethnic Groups in the USSR

<u>Republic</u>	<u>1959 Census (percent)</u>	<u>1939 Census (percent)</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>
Armenianskaya SSR	88	84	Armenian
Azerbaydzhanskaya SSR	67	63	Azerbaydzhani
Belorusskaya SSR	80	81	Belorussian
Estoniskaya SSR	73	91*	Estonian
Gruzinskaya SSR	63	61	Georgian
Kazakhskaya SSR	29	57	Kazakh
Kirgizskaya SSR	41	67	Kirgiz
Latviyskaya SSR	62	76*	Latvian
Litovskaya SSR	79	80*	Lithuanian
Moldavskaya SSR	65	65	Moldavian
RSFSR**	83	73	Russian
Tadzhikskaya SSR	53	78	Tadzhik
Turkmenakaya SSR	61	72	Turkmen
Ukrainskaya SSR	76	80	Ukrainian
Uzbekskaya SSR	62	87	Uzbek

\* Not included in 1939 Census; figures obtained from other sources.

\*\* The RSFSR in the 1959 Census includes the former Karelo-Finskaya SSR, listed separately in the 1939 Census.

An extensive redistribution and mixing of ethnic groups has occurred since 1939. The changes of greatest magnitude have taken place in large cities, which have experienced a heavy influx of Russian industrial and administrative workers. The 1939 Census, which was compiled at the time when the proportion of urban dwellers was lower, in many cases now may be more representative of the ethnic composition in areas outside cities than are the 1959 figures.

In Kazakhskaya SSR, according to the 1959 Census, the proportion of Russians is considerably greater than that of the titular ethnic group, the Russians representing 43.1 percent of the total population compared with 29.6 for the Kazakhs. Russians also comprise significant sectors of the population of the other Republics -- 27 percent in Latvinskaya SSR, 9 percent in Belorusskaya SSR, 18 percent in Ukrainskaya SSR, 22 percent in Estonskaya SSR, and 30 percent in Kirgizskaya SSR. Significant minority groups are present in several of the western-border Republics of the USSR. In Belorusskaya SSR 6.7 percent of the people are Poles, 1.9 percent are Ukrainians, and another 1.9 percent are Jews. Poles also comprise 8.5 percent of the population of Litovskaya SSR, Belorussians another 1.1 percent, and Jews and Ukrainians each less than 1 percent. In Moldavskaya SSR Ukrainians make up 14.6 percent of the population; Gagauzy and Jews each make up another 3.3 percent, and Bulgars make up 2.1 percent.

Most of the people of the various ethnic groups understand the language of their own ethnic group, and many of them also understand and use Russian, because study of the Russian language is compulsory in all Soviet schools.

The following table gives population data for all the cities in the Soviet Union with populations of more than 50,000. Each city is listed under the first- or second-order administrative division in which it is located. Column one of the table shows the total population of (1) the Republic, (2) Oblast', Kray, or ASSR, and (3) City. The figures in this column are from the 1959 Census and were published in a statistical summary by the Soviet Government. Column two gives the total number of inhabitants living within cities for each of the administrative units. Column three presents estimates of the total number of inhabitants living in and around cities; that is, within a 10-mile radius of the center of each. The figures in column three are estimates based on very general information, such as election district data at the All-Union level and settlement patterns shown on oblast' maps, and should be so regarded. Column four shows the percentage of the population of each administrative unit that lives in and around cities.

Population of Urban Concentrations in the USSR  
(in 1,000's)

Republic Oblast, Kray, ASSR City	Total Population	Population by Administrative Units		
		In Cities	In & Around Cities	Percent Column 3 is of Column 1
<u>Armenyanskaya SSR</u>	1,768	617	759	36
Yerevan	509			
Leninakan	108			
<u>Azerbaydzhanskaya SSR</u>	3,700	804	1,157	31
Baku	636			
Kirovabad	116			
Sungait	52			
<u>Belorusskaya SSR</u>	8,060	1,367	1,859	23
Brestskaya Obl.	1,205	131	213	18
Brest	73			
Baranovichi	58			
Gomel'skaya Obl.	1,355	166	196	14
Gomel'	166			
Grodzenskaya Obl.	897	72	144	16
Grodno	72			
Minskaya Obl.	1,728	568	700	41
Minsk	509			
Borisov	59			
Mogilevskaya Obl.	1,130	218	328	29
Mogilev	121			
Eobruysk	97			
Molodechnenskaya Obl.	810	0	0	0
Vitebskaya Obl.	935	212	278	30
Vitebsk	148			
Orsha	64			

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<u>Estoneskaya SSR</u>	1,196	354	374	31
Tallin	280			
Tartu	74			
<u>Gruzinskaya SSR</u>	4,049	1,030	1,305	32
Tbilisi	694			
Rustavi	62			
Kutaisi	128			
Abkhazskaya ASSR	400	64	105	26
Sukhumi	64			
Adzharskaya ASSR	242	82	121	50
Batumi	82			
<u>Kazakhskaya SSR</u>	9,301	2,327	2,543	27
Akmolinskaya Obl.	633	101	113	18
Akmolinsk	101			
Aktyubinskaya Obl.	404	97	103	25
Aktyubinsk	97			
Alma-Atinskaya Obl.	922	455	470	51
Alma-Ata	455			
Dzhambul'skaya Obl.	562	67	112	20
Dzhambul	67			
Gur'yevskaya Obl.	288	78	83	29
Gur'yev	78			
Karagandinskaya Obl.	1,022	505	524	51
Karaganda	398			
Temir-Tau	54			
Balkhash	53			
Kokchetavskaya Obl.	491	0	0	0
Kustanayskaya Obl.	705	86	98	14
Kustanay	86			

Kzyl-Ordinskaya Obl.	329	66	76	23
Kzyl-Orda	66			
Pavlodarskaya Obl.	485	90	105	22
Pavlodar	90			
Semipalatinskaya Obl.	487	155	162	33
Semipalatinsk	155			
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	454	131	150	33
Petropavlovsk	131			
Taldy-Kurganskaya Obl.	480	0	0	0
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	732	238	260	36
Leninogorsk	67			
Zyryanovsk	54			
Ust'-Kamenogorsk	117			
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	924	153	177	19
Chimkent	153			
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya Obl.	383	105	110	29
Ural'sk	105			
<u>Kirgizskaya SSR</u>	2,063	282	310	15
Frunze	217			
Oshskaya Obl.	871	65	76	9
Osh	65			
Tyan'-Shan'skaya Obl.	137	0	0	0
<u>Latviyskaya SSR</u>	2,094	741	781	37
Riga	605			
Liyepaya	71			
Daugavpils	65			
<u>Litovskaya SSR</u>	2,713	598	663	24
Vilnyus	235			
Kaunas	214			
Klaypeda	89			
Shyauliai	60			

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<u>Moldavskaya SSR</u>	2,880	343	424	15
Kishinev	214			
Bel'tsy	67			
Tiraspol'	62			
<u>RSFSR</u>	117,494	38,040	44,132	38
Altayskiy Kray	2,685	577	831	31
Rubtsovsk	111			
Biyak	146			
Barnaul	320			
Khabarovskiy Kray	1,143	499	541	47
Khabarovsk	322			
Komsomol'sk-Amure	177			
Krasnodarskiy Kray	3,766	802	902	24
Krasnodar	312			
Maykop	82			
Armavir	111			
Kropotkin	54			
Novorossiysk	93			
Yeysk	55			
Sochi	95			
Krasnoyarskiy Kray	2,614	698	764	30
Krasnoyarsk	409			
Kansk	74			
Noril'sk	108			
Abakan	56			
Chernogorsk	51			
Primorskiy Kray	1,379	505	559	41
Artem	55			
Vladivostok	283			
Ussuriysk	104			
Nakhodka	63			
Stavropol'skiy Kray	1,886	288	415	22
Stavropol'	140			
Kislovodsk	79			
Pyatigorsk	69			
Amurskaya Obl.	717	151	179	25
Svobodnyy	57			
Blagoveshchensk	94			

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Arkhangel'skaya Obl.	1,278	335	383	30
Arkhangel'sk	256			
Severodvinsk (Molotovsk)	79			
Astrakhanskaya Obl.	702	294	320	45
Astrakhan'	294			
Belgorodskaya Obl.	1,227	71	90	7
Belgorod	71			
Bryanskaya Obl.	1,547	206	223	14
Bryansk	206			
Chelyabinskaya Obl.	2,982	1,481	1,625	54
Kopeysk	160			
Chelyabinsk	688			
Korkino	85			
Zlatoust	161			
Magnitogorsk	311			
Troitsk	76			
Chitinskaya Obl.	1,039	171	185	18
Chita	171			
Gor'kovskaya Obl.	3,590	1,105	1,267	35
Dzerzhinsk	163			
Gor'kiy	942			
Irkutskaya Obl.	1,979	673	733	37
Irkutsk	365			
Cheremkhovo	123			
Angarsk	134			
Bratsk	51			
Ivanovskaya Obl.	1,306	531	564	43
Ivanovo	332			
Shuya	64			
Vichuga	51			
Kineshma	84			
Kaliningradskaya Obl.	610	202	226	37
Kaliningrad	202			

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Kalininskaya Obl.	1,802	327	339	19
Kalinin	261			
Vyshniy Volochek	66			
Kaluzhskaya Obl.	936	133	147	16
Kaluga	133			
Kamchatskaya Obl.	220	86	95	43
Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy	86			
Kemerovskaya Obl.	2,788	1,544	1,712	61
Anzhero-Sudzhensk	116			
Kemerovo	277			
Leninsk-Kuznetskiy	132			
Belovo	107			
Kiselevsk	130			
Prokop'yevsk	282			
Stalinsk	377			
Osinniki	68			
Mezhdurechensk	55			
Kirovskaya Obl.	1,919	252	308	16
Kirov	252			
Kostromskaya Obl.	919	171	181	20
Kostroma	171			
Kurganskaya Obl.	1,002	197	232	23
Kurgan	145			
Shadrinsk	52			
Kurskaya Obl.	1,481	203	249	17
Kursk	203			
Kuybyshevskaya Obl.	2,257	1,100	1,180	52
Kuybyshev	806			
Chapayevsk	83			
Syzran'	148			
Novokuybyshevsk	63			
Leningradskaya Obl.	4,561	2,939	3,314	73
Leningrad	2,888			
Vyborg	51			

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Lipetskaya Obl.	1,144	234	256	23
Lipetsk	156			
Yelets	78			
Magadanskaya Obl.	235	62	73	31
Magadan	62			
Moskovskaya Obl.	10,938	6,708	8,443	77
Moscow	5,032			
Babushkin	112			
Balashikha	58			
Yegor'yevsk	59			
Zagorsk	73			
Kolomna	100			
Kuntsevo	128			
Lyubertsy	93			
Lyublino	86			
Mytishchi	99			
Noginsk	93			
Orekhovo-Zuyevo	108			
Pavlovskiy Posad	55			
Perovo	143			
Podol'sk	124			
Serpukhov	105			
Tushino	90			
Elektrostal'	97			
Klin	53			
Murmanskaya Obl.	567	226	256	45
Murmansk	226			
Novgorodskaya Obl.	740	61	75	10
Novgorod	61			
Novosibirskaya Obl.	2,299	887	910	40
Novosibirsk	887			
Omskaya Obl.	1,646	579	608	37
Omsk	579			
Orenburgskaya Obl.	1,831	548	608	33
Orenburg	260			
Orsk	176			
Buzuluk	55			
Novo-Troitsk	57			

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Orlovskaya Obl.	926	152	166	18
Orël	152			
Penzenskaya Obl.	1,510	311	343	23
Penza	254			
Kuznetsk	57			
Permskaya Obl. (Molotovskaya Obl.)	2,998	1,046	1,355	45
Krasnokamsk	54			
Perm' (Molotov)	628			
Lyz'va	73			
Kungur	65			
Chusovoy	60			
Berezniki	106			
Kizel	60			
Pskovskaya Obl.	954	140	145	15
Pskov	81			
Velikiye Luki	59			
Rostovskaya Obl.	3,314	1,355	1,733	51
Rostov	597			
Shakhty	196			
Novoshakhtinsk	104			
Taganrog	201			
Novocherkassk	94			
Kamensk-Shankhtinskiy	58			
Gukovo	53			
Bataysk	52			
Ryazanskaya Obl.	1,444	213	235	16
Ryazan'	213			
Sakhalinskaya Obl.	651	86	131	20
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk	86			
Saratovskaya Obl.	2,167	797	861	40
Balashov	64			
Saratov	581			
Engel's	90			
Vol'sk	62			
Smolenskaya Obl.	1,140	146	167	15
Smolensk	146			

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Stalingradskaya Obl.	1,849	713	849	46
Stalingrad	591			
Volzhskiy	67			
Kamyshin	55			
Sverdlovskaya Obl.	4,048	1,621	1,734	43
Sverdlovsk	777			
Serov	98			
Asbest	60			
Kamensk-Uralskiy	141			
Pervoural'sk	90			
Revda	55			
Nizhniy Tagil	338			
Krasnotur'sinsk	62			
Tambovskaya Obl.	1,547	250	300	19
Tambov	170			
Michurinsk	80			
Tomskaya	750	249	311	41
Tomsk	249			
Tul'skaya Obl.	1,912	506	601	31
Tula	345			
Stalinogorsk	107			
Uzlovaya	54			
Tyumenskaya Obl.	1,094	150	180	16
Tyumen'	150			
Ul'yanskaya Obl.	1,118	256	277	25
Ul'yansk	205			
Melekess	51			
Vladimirskaia Obl.	1,402	380	435	31
Murom	73			
Vladimir	154			
Kovrov	100			
Gus'-Khrustal'nyy	53			
Vologodskaya Obl.	1,307	230	265	20
Vologda	138			
Cherepovets	92			

Voronezhskaya Obl.	2,363	508	564	24
Voronezh	454			
Borisoglebsk	54			
Yaroslavskaya Obl.	1,395	587	613	44
Yaroslavl'	406			
Rybinsk	181			
Bashkirskaya ASSR	3,335	841	911	27
Ufa	546			
Oktyabr'skiy	65			
Sterlitamak	111			
Beloretsk	59			
Salavat	60			
Buryatskaya ASSR (Buryat-Mongol'skaya ASSR)	671	174	182	27
Ulan-Ude	174			
Checheno-Ingushskaya ASSR	711	240	265	37
Grozniy	240			
Chuvashskaya ASSR	1,098	83	119	11
Cheboksary	83			
Dagestanskaya ASSR	1,063	119	146	14
Makhachkala	119			
Kabardino-Balkarskaya ASSR	420	87	121	29
Nal'chik	87			
Kalmytskaya ASSR	183	0	0	0
Karel'skaya ASSR	649	135	149	23
Petrozavodsk	135			
Komi ASSR	804	119	140	17
Syktyvkar	64			
Vorkuta	55			
Mariyskaya ASSR	647	88	102	16
Yoshkar-Ola	88			

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Mordovskaya ASSR	999	90	130	13
Saransk	90			
Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR	449	164	206	46
Ordzhonikidze	164			
Tatarskaya ASSR	2,847	815	990	35
Bugul'ma	61			
Zelenodolsk	60			
Kazan'	643			
Chistopol'	51			
Udmurtskaya ASSR	1,333	469	513	38
Izhevsk	283			
Votkinsk	59			
Sarapul	68			
Glazov	59			
Yakutskaya ASSR	489	74	80	16
Yakutsk	74			
<u>Tadzhikskaya SSR</u>	1,982	301	325	16
Stalinabad	224			
Leninabadskaya Obl.	666	77	85	13
Leninabad	77			
<u>Turkmenskaya SSR</u>	1,520	236	265	17
Ashkhabadskaya Obl.	551	170	180	33
Ashkhabad	170			
Chardzhouskaya Obl.	320	66	85	27
Chardzhou	66			
Maryyskaya Obl.	354	0	0	0
Tashauzskaya Obl.	295	0	0	0
<u>Ukrainskaya SSR</u>	41,893	10,186	12,138	29
Cherkasskaya Obl.	1,504	83	94	6
Cherkassy	83			

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Chernigovskaya Obl.	1,553	89	102	7
Chernigov	89			
Chernovitskaya Obl.	776	145	158	20
Chernovtsy	145			
Dnepropetrovskaya Obl.	2,708	1,319	1,411	52
Dnepropetrovsk	658			
Dneprodzerzhinsk	194			
Nikopol'	81			
Krivoy Rog	386			
Drogobychskaya Obl.	847	0	0	0
Khar'kovskaya Obl.	2,517	930	954	38
Khar'kov	930			
Khersonskaya Obl.	827	157	176	21
Kherson	157			
Khmel'nitskaya Obl.	1,609	67	116	7
Khmel'nitskiy	62			
Kirovogradskaya Obl.	1,218	127	144	12
Kirovograd	127			
Kiyevskaya Obl.	2,821	1,173	1,302	46
Kiev	1,102			
Belaya Tserkov	71			
Krymskaya Obl.	1,202	493	588	49
Simferopol'	189			
Sevastopol'	148			
Kerch'	99			
Yevpatoriya	57			
Luganskaya Obl.	2,457	708	773	31
Luganak	274			
Kadiyevka	180			
Voroshilovsk	98			
Krasnyy Luch	94			
Sverdlovsk	62			



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L'vovskaya Obl.	1,268	410	434	34
L'vov	410			
Nikolayevskaya Obl.	1,015	224	272	27
Nikolayev	224			
Odesskaya Obl.	2,028	667	703	35
Odessa	667			
Poltavskaya Obl.	1,630	227	275	17
Poltava	141			
Kremenchug	86			
Rovenskaya Obl.	927	57	70	8
Rovno	57			
Stalinskaya Obl.	4,265	2,168	3,260	76
Konstantinovka	89			
Kramatorsk	115			
Gorlovka	293			
Stalino	701			
Makeyevka	358			
Zhdanov	284			
Yenakiyevo	92			
Slavyansk	83			
Chistyakovo	92			
Artemovsk	61			
Stanislavskaya Obl.	1,098	66	72	7
Stanislav	66			
Sumskaya Obl.	1,512	150	163	11
Sumy	97			
Konotop	53			
Ternopol'skaya Obl.	1,088	52	70	6
Ternopol'	52			
Vinnitskaya Obl.	2,141	121	144	7
Vinnitsa	121			
Volynskaya Obl.	890	0	0	0
Zakarpatskaya Obl.	923	0	0	0

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Zaporozhskaya Obl.	1,466	595	674	46
Zaporozh'ye	435			
Berdiansk	65			
Melitopol'	95			
Zhitomirskaya Obl.	1,603	158	183	11
Zhitomir	105			
Berdichev	53			
Uzbekskaya SSR	8,113	1,799	2,154	27
Andizhanskaya Obl.	768	129	150	20
Andizhan	129			
Bukharskaya Obl.	573	69	121	21
Bukhara	69			
Ferganskaya Obl.	938	253	280	30
Fergana	80			
Kokand	105			
Margelan	68			
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	510	0	0	0
Kashka-Dar'inskaya Obl.	510	0	0	0
Khorezmskaya Obl.	380	0	0	0
Namanganskaya Obl.	594	122	135	23
Namangan	122			
Samerkendskaya Obl.	1,151	195	275	24
Samarkand	195			
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya Obl.	426			
Tashkentakaya Obl.	2,263	1,031	1,193	53
Tashkent	911			
Chirchik	65			
Angren	55			